



NORTH CAROLINA SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

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ANNUAL REPORT

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The NCSWCLB Administrative office is located at 1207 S. Cox Street, Suite F in Asheboro, NC. The Board met 8 times over the course of the year to complete the duties and functions as assigned by Chapter 90B, Social Worker Certification and Licensure Act, North Carolina General Statutes.

1. Board Members:

Patricia M. Morse, PhD, MSW, LCSW, Chair, Professional Member – Educator
Garlande Powell, MSW, LCSW, LCAS, CCS, Vice Chair, Professional Member – Private Sector
Angela Atkins, MSW: Secretary-Treasurer, Public Member
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Amy (Barsanti) Peters, MSW, CMSW: Professional Member – Public Sector
James Turner, Jr., MSW, LCSW: Professional Member – Private Sector
G. Mathias Bishop, Public Member

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| 1a | Number of licensees supervised by the board: | 0 |
| 2. | Applicants for examination: | 1043 |
| 3. | Applicants denied examination (ineligible): | 03 |
| 4. | Applicants sitting for examination (any level): | 897 |
| 5. | Applicants issued initial certification/licensure: | 1548 |
| 5a. | Number who failed the exam: | |
| | • Applicants failed Bachelors level exam:..... | 00 |
| | • Applicants failed Masters level exam:..... | 00 |
| | • Applicants failed Advanced Generalist level exam:..... | 00 |
| | • Applicants failed Clinical level exam:..... | 365 |
| 6. | Number of applicants applying for comity:..... | 245 |
| 7. | Applicants issued certification/licensure by comity:..... | 176 |

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| 7a. | Number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities:..... | 51 |
| 7b. | Number of disciplinary actions taken against certificants/licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief: | 10 |
| 8. | Certificates/licenses suspended or revoked through disciplinary action: | 06 |
| 9. | Number of certificates/licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to renew: | 00 |
10. The Board anticipates that they will request legislation be introduced to address the following:
- a) In order to be licensed as a clinical social worker in North Carolina, an applicant must pass a nationally administered examination. The national examination recognized and utilized by all states and is administered by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). ASWB has recently adopted policy which requires member boards comply with the ASWB exam use policies which require candidates sitting for the clinical exam must have a MSW degree from the appropriate accrediting body and two years of post MSW clinical experience. NC General Statute § 90B-7(f) currently does not require examination for the associate license but requires associate licensees to pass the qualifying clinical exam to be eligible for renewal beyond two years. NC must change the exam mandate for the associate licensee in order to continue participating in the recognized national exam.
 - b) Current statutory requirements for board composition include at least two members be “certified,” three members be licensed, and two members represent the public at large. As the “certified” credentials are voluntary, the board has witnessed a decrease in the number of individuals seeking or maintaining the certified credential, and therefore not available for appointment. To insure adequate representation and avoid lack of quorum for conducting the business of the state, a revision is needed that will allow for the same number of appointees but eliminate potential obsolete categories.
11. The Board is in the process of amending and readopting the Rules classified as “necessary with substantive public impact” which include 21 NCAC 63 .0201 related to Definitions, .0204 related to References for application, .0211 related to Work Experience for Licensure, .0401 related to Continuing Education Requirements, and .0505 related to Relationships with Colleagues. The Board is also proposing to adopt rules for military and military spouse applicants.